

**REMARKS**

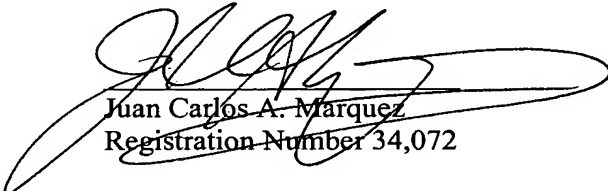
The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 in view of the Notice of Allowability dated December 7, 2005. Claims 1, 2 and 4-13 stand allowed.

The amendments to claims 8-9 are in confirmation of the Examiner's Amendment outlined in the Notice of Allowability, for which the Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner, along with another minor change in conformance with the Examiner's Amendment. Specifically, in claim 9, lines 7-8, the recitation of "input signal extracted" is being changed to "output signal extracted". In a telephone conference with the Examiner on March 3, 2006, the Examiner agreed that he would make every effort to submit the additional change in a further Examiner's Amendment. In an overabundance of caution and in support of the Examiner, Applicants are hereby submitting this amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 to confirm their agreement with the Examiner's amendments and to place all the formal amendments agreed to on the record.

In view of the above amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to confirm the allowability of the claims, and to have this case continue on to issue. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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